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Idaho April Red Meat Production Down 76 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for April 2012 totaled 3.4 million pounds, down 76 percent from April of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-April 2012 period totaled 13.6 million pounds, down 76 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in April, down slightly from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in April 2011. Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,282 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.9 million pounds, 3 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,500 head, down 4 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at 295 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, up 2 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,200 head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago. January to April 2012 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, down slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

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